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RESPONSIBILITY NEEDED.

It is useless to argue for a system which puts the administration of estates, not disposed of by will, into the hands of court clerks appointed by a circuit judge. Generally speaking the clerks have no qualifying experience. They are given estates to manage as spoils of office just as politicians are given other grave public business to do as rewards for political fidelity—and failure or worse is usually predicated of either case. The common sense of every man of business calls for known responsibility of character in the official who manages estates for heirs-at-law; the choice by a party or the executive of some trained man, who shall be bonded by a fidelity company—in other words, of a public administrator, one doing business under the public eye, easily watched, but not the sort of a man that needs watching.

One of the strong arguments for the abolition of the present unsatisfactory methods is that nobody can tell when a turn in the political wheel at Washington may give this Territory another set of carpet-bag judges as bad as some who have lately been deprived of the ermine. Can anyone imagine a worse fate for an estate than to have it put into the hands of some political henchman of a judicial scalawag who has gone on the bench for revenue only? Hawaii has seen enough of the prostitution of justice to greed; and finds, in its experience, ample reason to protect honest judges from the imputation that they profit by the work of political clerks who, under their eye though without their knowledge, rob the widow and the orphan.

There is probably no other place in the Union where the rights of heirs-at-law, not protected by will, are so loosely looked after as they are here. In old Hawaii, where the community was small and everybody knew everybody else and whence, owing to the passport law it was not easy for culprits to escape, some lax methods of procedure might have been safely tolerated. But as things are now, all possible safeguards are needed, about fiduciary public trusts. The time has come for us to adopt the methods of estate administration which similar conditions to ours have promoted elsewhere.

LORD ROBERTS' SPEECH.

There was a brief reference in the cable news some days ago to Lord Roberts' speech about the weakness of the British army. We find in the London correspondence of the New York Tribune that the speech was delivered in relation to a motion introduced by the Earl of Wemyss and March, Conservative, traversing Premier Balfour's statement regarding the impossibility of the invasion of Great Britain and urging the necessity of keeping up sufficient land forces to repel any possible invasion.

Lord Roberts said the lessons of the South African war had been forgotten. He had no hesitation in saying that the armed forces of Great Britain as a body were now as absolutely unfitted and unprepared for war as they were when the South African trouble broke out. He said emphatically that the choice lay between conscription and some practical system of general training, and that only by such means would it be possible for Great Britain to possess armed forces organized and trained to meet the demands of the empire in case of war.

His lordship said that any discussion of Great Britain's military position within the limits of the motion proposed by the Earl of Wemyss and March would be entirely unavailing. The country had to deal with a question of infinitely great importance—the question of the life or death of the empire, the issue of which depended upon Great Britain being ready to defend her Eastern possessions, and at the same time take part in any affair nearer home. Either of these contingencies made necessary the placing in the field of an army as large and efficient as that of any of the European countries, all of which might be regarded as nations in arms. Every other European country regarded its army as part of the nation, while England considered her army to be something quite outside the national life, and no thought was bestowed on it by the civil population except as part of a political and partisan platform.

Lord Roberts appealed to the country to awake to its danger and to take hold of the army as a great national issue on which the existence of Great Britain depended. He said the whole empire must rise to the occasion, and that every one must personally bear a share in the defence, or enable those to whom responsibility was delegated to become in all respects efficient.

The discussion of the motion continued for some time, the speakers complimenting Lord Roberts for the stand he had taken.

It appears that a minor error was made in the Advertiser's reference yesterday to the relation of Attorney Biting to the Barete estate. Judge Humphreys did not quite have the nerve to make Biting trustee, but appointed him master to pass upon the accounts of the executor of the Barete estate. However, all that has to do with Biting is quite beside the mark; the point is that Humphreys made Kellett trustee without bond, and let him have full swing for quite awhile before a bond was required. Just now Humphreys is trying, with the aid of his pet calf, to raise such a hue and cry over the immaterial Biting as to draw the public eye from his judicial relation to the very material Kellett.

Minister Conger, who now represents the United States government at the City of Mexico, but who was for many years stationed at Peking, has been called to Washington for consultation upon the Chinese boycott of American manufactured goods. Evidently, the administration has taken a decidedly serious view of the Chinese movement in reprisal for legislation hostile to Chinese immigration. And it is, perhaps, one of the most serious matters with which the Roosevelt administration has been called upon to deal. What, with the labor unions on the one hand, and the commercial interests of the country on the other, the time has come for some exceedingly delicate steering.

Comment in some of the Eastern papers suggesting that the alleged body of John Paul Jones may not be authentic is more sensational than reasonable. It is true that no name-plate was found on the coffin, but the remains, which had been preserved in alcohol, were easily identified from busts and pictures as those of the famous admiral. The letter "J" on the underclothing and the revelations of an autopsy corroborated the testimony of the face. There seem to be no tenable grounds of doubt about the identity of the body.

There are a few destroyers at Vladivostok and two of them steamed into Japanese waters the other day just to show that the Russian war-flag is still afloat. Naturally the two formidable craft attacked a merchant steamer, killing a man and a boy and wounding two others, but, apparently, letting the steamer get away. After this valorous deed the destroyers cut for home. Probably full details will reach St. Petersburg in a day or two and cause the usual rejoicing.

Experiments with the electric locomotive indicate that it will gradually displace the steam locomotive on the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads. There are those who predict that the railroad engine, as we know it, will be a curiosity within ten or fifteen years.

The yellow fever scare has gone so far that the Governor of Mississippi has ordered out the state militia to guard the border of the state from invasion, evidently by fever refugees from the infected cities.

If neither the county of Oahu nor the Territory of Hawaii is to feed the unconvicted prisoners, what is to become of the industry of getting into jail?

Seeing that Uncle Sam gives the Seagirt visitors Regular Army pay it is not surprising that Hawaii's rifle team is chiefly made of officers.

The Kaiser is evidently on the side of Sweden, but how far he is ready to go in applying the Swedish cure is an open question.

Col. Bryan says the woods are full of wideawake Democrats. Very likely. But the woods are thinning out fast.

While Taft is away a new Presidential candidacy is taking Root.

ELECTRIC EGGS
PROLONG LIFE

ALAMEDA, July 20.—Dr. Osler's age theory will have no chance at all when the invention recently perfected by George J. Foster of 1311 Oak street, comes into general use. Not only may limit lift up their heads with hope, but limit lift up their heads the forty-year even the sexagenarians whom Dr. Osler relegates to the tomb, may welcome Foster as their deliverer.

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THE ROOSTER NUISANCE.

Honolulu, August 1, 1905.
Editor Advertiser: When space permits, would you kindly reprint the enclosed decision of Judge Cabaniss from the San Francisco Examiner, July 16, and thus oblige a sufferer from the same nuisance here in Honolulu?
M. FARNSWORTH.

"On the complaint of Rose Brown, Henry Maass, her next door neighbor, residing at 2135 Mission street, was yesterday ordered by Police Judge Cabaniss thirty days in which to abate a cause of disturbance of the peace in the shape of a flock of chickens and strong-lunged roosters. Mrs. Rose stated that the noise from the henhouse kept her awake, early mornings, while sleep is most sweet. Maass owns twenty full-blooded hens and two game cocks which he prizes highly and is loath to part with them or confine their local pleasures. However, he promised Mrs. Rose that in the future her nocturnal slumbers would not be disturbed."

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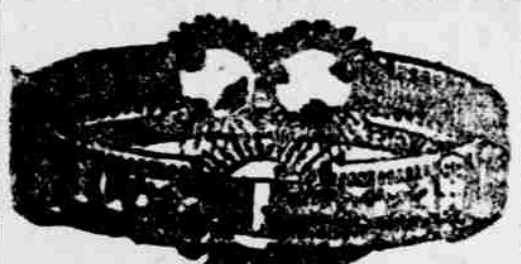
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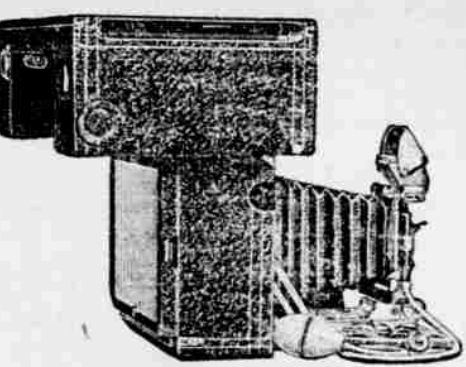
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